

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
MEETING MINUTES
Date October 10, 2007
Time: 7:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gwen Benedict Mark Flynn Larry Moormeier Chris Ndifon Jean Spohn

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ted Fosberg An Pham

STAFF PRESENT:

Scott Thomas, Parks Acquisition and Development Planner

Gwen Benedict called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

GUESTS PRESENT: None

MEETING MINUTES: The minutes from the September meeting were approved 4/0/1.

CITIZEN COMMENT: None

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

AGENDA ITEMS:

Town Square Art

Six Park Board members attended the Oct. 3rd workshop with the Arts Commission and City Council members. The facilitator will email a synopsis to review. We are requested to submit comments and expect to be invited to a follow-up meeting.

Department 2008 Work Program

Larry questioned the title of Item 1 – Scott explained that the Master Plan still refers to three separate properties, Dottie Harper Park, the library and Community Center. Previously development of the properties have been viewed separately. This work plan item acknowledges that the use and development of the three properties is linked.

Larry asked about big toy for Jacob Ambaum Park. It has been purchased and Parks now just needs funding to finish developing the site and install the toy.

Scott noted that items are added and prioritized in concert with the City's Management Team and the City Council, and that the document is updated quarterly.

Regarding a question about item 6 - Pursue Land Acquisitions Based on the PROS Plan and CIP, Scott said that there is money in the budget for a South Burien park property.

BCRC Update: Program and Cost

Scott showed the most recent concept plan for the Community Recreation Center. The senior center is in a wing on one end that has its own entrance. Preschool and Teen rooms are near the main lobby and gym. The layout is similar to new center in Federal Way with the senior center at one end and the exercise area upstairs. The pool will provide more therapy opportunities and fill a niche not provided by other pools in and around Burien. The community room will be slightly larger than current auditorium and the gym will be much larger. The estimate is 35 million dollars for this plan.

Capital Projects Update

South Seahurst Park renovation will be done by next summer. This includes finishing the south end trail, replacing ramps with broad stairs, consolidating picnic tables and barbecues near the picnic shelter and rebuilding the restroom.

Anchor has been selected to work on North Seahurst project. They are starting the schematic design, will host winter public meetings with schematic finished by next spring. Anticipated is removal of most of the seawall except that in front of Marine Tech, add a picnic shelter, a manmade tidepool and an estuary.

Jacob Ambaum phase 2 is going out to bid for a single stall restroom and a play toy.

Eagle Landing Park – Scott is working with the Veterans Conservation Corps (VCC) to see if their program can develop and implement the reforestation plan for Eagle Landing Park. VCC is part of a State agency that retrains veterans through the Natural Resource Management program at Green River Community College.

Future Agenda Items and/or Questions

Election of officers to be at the January meeting

For the Good of the Order

- The Park Ordinance was approved by the City Council in September.
- Miller-Walker Creek Basin Steward (flyer) – Dennis Clark is the new stream steward and invites all to a work party on October 27th.
- New Board Member Recruitment – Our letter has been submitted to the City Council.
- Trail Maps - We received copies of maps printed by the County and Feet First.
- Emerald Pointe DEIS – Approximately 170 condos are proposed for the property between Seahurst Park and the what used to be the senior center.

- Burien TV Seahurst Video – A video about Seahurst Park is being developed
- December Meeting? – Maybe a Parks/Arts Social? It will be decided next month.
- Wider community involvement – Parks Staff are recognized for their participation in the wider community. Scott leads a state-wide group of park planners and organizes classes on crime prevention. Myron is presenting a class at the Park and Recreation Mid Year Conference. Casey Stanley is a regional representative in the park and recreation professional association.
- County park bond – A result of last month's passage is that Burien has \$54,000 to be used either for land acquisition or trails that link to the regional trail system.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM

NEXT MEETING:

Date: November 14, 2007

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Burien Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Jean Spohn, Recording Secretary